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PREFACE

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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PSKOV ARMY BARRACKS CHEREKHA

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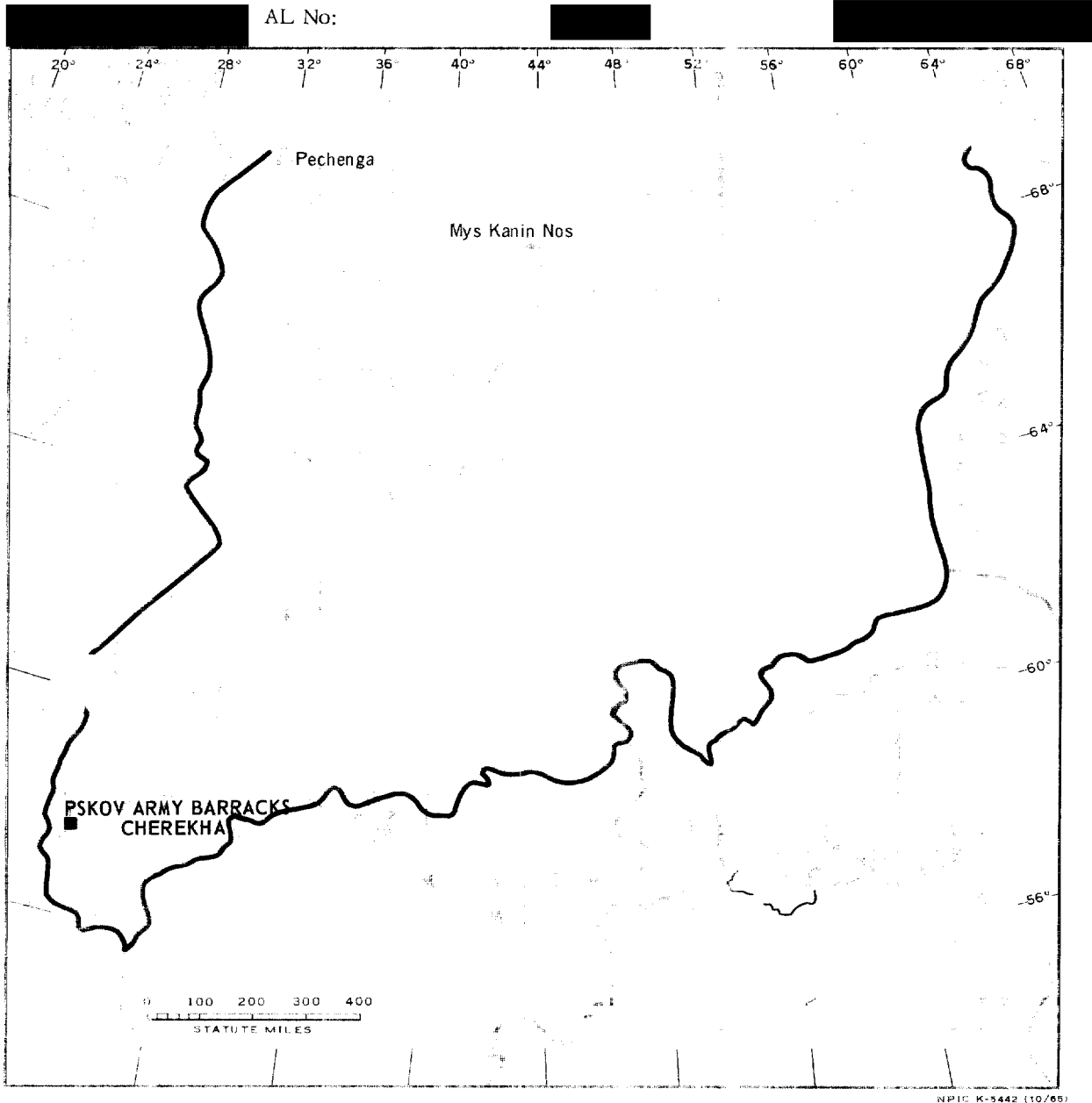


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF PSKOV ARMY BARRACKS CHEREKHA.

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SUMMARY

Pskov Army Barracks Cherekha is located 8 kilometers (km) southeast of Pskov, on the south bank of the Cherekha River (Figure 1).

The installation is partially secured by a wall, covers approximately 800 acres, and contains 2 administrative areas (1 is a bivouac area), a general storage depot, a vehicle maintenance sector, 4 small-arms firing ranges, an athletic field, and a probable quarters area (Figures 2 and 3). Training facilities consist of a wheeled-vehicle driver-training course and 2 flat-trajectory firing ranges. Two sections within the installation contain special training facilities which are normally associated with airborne units. One contains an aircraft/mock-

up and a parachute training mockup with a cable slide, and the other contains several probable airborne training devices.

The area is covered on [REDACTED] KEYHOLE missions of interpretable quality photography between [REDACTED]. Comparative analysis reveals no major change in facilities. The level of activity remained relatively constant with the exception of the training areas which showed no activity on winter coverage. Pskov Army Barracks West which also has airborne training facilities is located 8 km northwest of the installation. An airborne drop zone with a possible associated tower is located 8 km west.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The Pskov rail line is adjacent on the western side of the installation.

Road Service

A primary road from Pskov serves the area.

Aircraft Landing Strip

Pskov Airfield is located 4 km north.

Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains 1 multistory C-shaped barracks/administration building, 2 multistory barracks, 2 administration buildings (1 T-shaped), and 5 support buildings. The area also contains what appears to be a small secured area, although there are no buildings or equipment within the area. Thirteen tents are erected along the southeastern wall. Forty-four unidentified objects and possible shipping crates were located adjacent to the T-shaped administration building in [REDACTED].

Area D2 contains 7 administration buildings (2 T-shaped), 26 small support buildings, and approximately 125 tent bases.

General Storage Area

Area E contains 10 storage buildings.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F is double secured and contains 2 ammunition storage buildings (110 by 60 feet and 90 by 45 feet) and 5 possible storage tents.

Other Buildings

Area H1 contains 14 small probable quarters.

Area H2 contains 2 guardhouses.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area

Area J contains 3 vehicle storage buildings (1 irregular shaped with a 380-by 60-foot base and two 80- by 60-foot wings and two 90 by 60 feet), one 200- by 45-foot maintenance building,

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25X1D and 3 support buildings. The area is secured by a wall which joins each building. Twelve vehicles were present on [REDACTED]

Athletic Field

Area K is an athletic field.

Small-arms Firing Ranges

Area L1 is a 90- by 20-foot small-arms firing range.

Area L2 is a 90- by 60-foot small-arms firing range.

Area L3 contains 2 probable small-arms firing ranges, (one 260 by 90 feet and one 90 by 60 feet). Both ranges have high embankments on 3 sides. A large earth mound is located to the rear of the smaller range. Five support buildings are also located in the area.

Driver-Training Area

Area M is a wheeled-vehicle driver-training course with a figure-8.

Flat-Trajectory Firing Ranges

Area P1 contains a 2,380-foot flat-trajectory firing range with numerous targets at varying ranges and 3 range control or support

buildings. Two heavily scarred, possible impact areas are located on either side of the range. Numerous trenches, diggings, and possible artillery positions are scattered throughout the range.

Area P2 contains an 1,800-foot flat-trajectory firing range with numerous targets at varying ranges and 2 probable moving targets, 8 range support/control buildings, and 2 areas of unidentified activity. One area contains trackage which leads from the range and loops back. The other area contains 2 parallel ground scars on the western side of the range.

Special Training Facilities

Area S1 contains an aircraft/mockup and a parachute training mockup with a cable slide.

Area S2 contains probable airborne training apparatus.

Unidentified Facilities or Tracking Activity

Area T1 contains 2 buildings and unidentified ground scars.

Area T2 is similar in size to an athletic field; however, there appears to be a large T-pattern located within the area.

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